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Grave Concern.

TURMOIL IN THE STATES

Federal Victories Over the Zapatistas Reported From South.

DANGER TO THE AMERICANS

United States Government in Readi-

ness for Action in Case Ne-

cessity Arises.

While the federals have been victorious against the Zapatistas' in several in-

according to reports received at the State

government is facing a difficult problem.

The federal victories seem to be sporadic, and the rebels apparently are causing

Chapala, in the state of Jalisco, is re-

and political things in the state of Mich-

between Chihuahua and Mexico City.

Events in Chihuahua are turning neither

one way nor the other, a communication

Escort for Mexican Federals.

tory. There probably will be a captain

and five or six enlisted men. The arms

while traveling over United States terri-

States in the vicinity of Laredo, Tex.

Houston, it was explained at the War

Department today, was for the purpose

and pointed out the advantages to be

Plans of War College.

of revision for mobilizations of both the

Although the Dick law gives the Presi-

much concern.

tion as unchanged.

water, drainage, etc.

ready to entrain.

not exceeding nine months.

Americans in Danger.

State Department Policy.

ting forth that the United States had no

interest in the internal affairs of Mexico.

but did demand the protection of Ameri-

BANDITS GIVE TROUBLE.

Mexican Express Companies Refuse

GUADALAJARA, Mexico, February 9.

near Penjamo, in the state of Guana-

juato near the Jalisco railroad line. Sev-

eral federals and fifteen rebels were kill-

Bandits have been operating in the

been hastily repaired, and Abram Zon-zales, minister of the interior, proceeded

Former Mayor Adam Dead.

ed during the battle.

During the Madero revolution, when

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# CORTELYOU DENIES HELD IT AN INSULT LEAD SORDID LIVES

gestion That He Apologize.

tence on Christmas Eve.

Guilt in Upholding Con-

stitutional Guarantee.

on the eve of Christmas, despite an ap-

Court Takes Exceptions.

which the demand reached me

J.E. PURDY

the children.

JOHN MITCHELL.

He disclaimed any demand for post-

ponement, and said his request by tele-

When he received the refusal he supposed

An Insult, Says Gompers.

In these words Samuel Gompers, presi-

dent of the American Federation of La-

or, answered the inquiry of Attorney J.

J. Darlington of the committee of prose-

utors as to why he had not availed him-

self of the opportunity given by the com-

mittee, which had requested the court to

accept an apology, if offered, in ac

company with a promise of future obedi-

Mitchell. The cross-examination of Mr.

Mitchell was conducted by Attorney Dan-

The last witness to be offered by the

defense will be Frank Morrison, sec-

retary, who is expected also to disclaim

ion he circulated the official report

Norfolk, in 1907, and of copies of the

American Federationist containing ed-

Vice President Mitchell also availed

questions of counsel which called for

statements made by witness in the orig-

inal contempt proceedings. Judge Parker

interposed an objection to the question

and Attorney Davenport told the witness

No Sense of Guilt.

did not desire to do so

of the committee of prosecutors.

Mr. Gompers resumed the witness stand

employed was an insult."

ence to the court's order.

"I do not say you made the demand

but am stating the way the matter

came to the court was with an at-

ed the convenience of the vice presi-

Says No Influence Caused Gompers Resented the Sug- Miss Byington Tells of Condi-Lewis Fraud Order.

PLATT NOT INSTRUMENTAL JOHN MITCHELL IN TEARS FIRST

Disagreement With Edwin C. Mad- Hurt at Being Summoned for Sen- Says Slavic Laborers' Children Play den Explained to Committee.

ORDER OF INQUIRY REVERSED CLAIM FREE SPEECH RIGHT FOREIGNERS SAVE A LITTLE

Former Postmaster General Declares Labor Leaders Declare They Felt No Sixty-Five Per Cent of Steel Plant He Did Not Know Any "Ex-



GEORGE B. CORTELYOU.

Former Postmaster General George B. Cortelyou, testifying today before the House committee on expenditures in the Post Office Department, denied that the late Senator Platt of New York, the ex-"extraneous influences" had anything to do with the issuance by him in 1907 of a fraud order against the E. G. Lewis Publishing Company of St. Louis or the

Mr. Cortelyou was called to answer charges made by E. G. Lewis of St. Louis that the Post Office Department, by issuing a fraud order against the People's Bank and debarring the Woman's Farm Journal and the Woman's Maga- dent of the American Federation of that he believed the company treated its zine from second class mail privileges, Labor. had wrecked the Lewis fortune of several! Tears stood in the eyes of the witmillion dollars,

### Questioned by Mr. Britt.

Third Assistant Postmaster General Britt, who represents the department before the committee, reserred to the alleged Platt influence early in the hearing. "Mr. Cortelyou," he said, "it has been intimated during these hearings that the Post Office Department was influenced in its action by an alleged express company trust which objected to the proposed object of the Lewis bank to handle form of express orders. It is further intimated that Senator Platt was instrumental in having you named Postmaster General and that the Department was subservient to the express company trust, presumably headed by Senator Platt. Is

"I never heard of it," Mr. Cortelyou re-'Did Senator Platt or the express trust the Lewis case?" Mr. Britt continued. "Not in any shape whatever," said Mr.

### Never Heard of Agent.

"Do you know any agent of the socalled express trust who at any time obtruded himself upon the department when it had the Lewis case under advisement?" "No one ever did," replied Mr. Cortel-

"It has been charged in one of the Lewis publications, ' continued Mr. Britt, "that the express company trust owned the Post Office Department. How about 'Never heard of it," Mr. Cortelyou

briefly responded. Why did you issue a fraud order Lewis publications from the mails?" Mr

"I did it in compliance with my duty as head of the Post Office Department. fair hearing, and that his case had been rive at his home Christmas day and handled exactly as similar cases always thereby avoided spoiling the joys of

"Has there been, as charged, any feeling of prejudice or antipathy on your graph had told of his domestic situation. part toward E. G. Lewis?" Mr. Britt per- and his application was based thereon.

"I never knew Mr. Lewis personally, the court to be apprised of the situation. and I have no feeling whatever against um," was the reply of the former Postnaster General

Mr. Cortelyou began an explanation of the disagreement between himself and the then third assistant postmaster general, me, and break my heart, and break my Edwin C. Madden, over the Lewis case. spirit, and it was a thing that I was Lewis Publishing Company. What were the points of difference between yourself and Mr. Madden as to the issuance of these fraud orders?"

#### asked Mr. Britt. Points of Difference.

"That is a rather broad question." said Mr. Cortelyou. "The first point of difference arose when Mr. Madden waived the order in which I directed that the investigation of the Lewis for redirect examination following the publications should proceed. I wrote close of the evidence given by John Mr. Madden to ascertain, first, whether the two papers were entitled to second- iel Davenport of Bridgeport, Conn., one class mail privileges, and, second, I directed him to determine how many copies might be mailed if they were entitled to such privilege. When Mr. Madden sent me his memorandum I found that he had reversed the order of the inquiry and that he had first taken up the question of the number of copies entitled to admission, without going into the right of the Lewis publications to have the second-class mail privilege at all." The committee at this point took a recess until 2:30 o'clock this after-

CHEBOYGAN, Mich., February 9 .-

attending the funeral, the deceased hay- continued Mr. Gompers, "I would ab-

WOMAN WITNESS

tions at Homestead.

Among Garbage Cans.

Employes Receive About \$10.50 Weekly.

Miss Margaret Byington of Pittsburgh, of Justice Wright in imposing sentence the first woman witness who has apon the labor leaders. December 23, 1998, peared, testified today before the House committee on "steel trust" affairs repeal by him for a delay because he had garding conditions at the Homestead his grip packed with Christmas presents plant of the United States Steel Corpora-

made today by John Mitchell, vice presi-Miss Byington's picture of conditions dent of the A. F. of L., during the crossat Homestead was a sordid one. She on his testimony in defense told of the Slavic laborers' children playof the charge that he is guilty of coning among garbage cans and of the families living in tiny insanitary houses. As to racial differences, she said that American citizen, the son of a soldier, occupies no inconspicuous place

> "Is it possible for the American unskilled laborer or any other laborer to have. on their wages, sufficient clothing and

"Is that peculiar to the steel industry" han one chief executive of the United Doesn't it apply to any other?" States. The witness said he had sent a "I should say no man could provide telegram asking for delay and had received word that his request had been

#### Foreigners Save Money.

Miss Byington said the foreign laborer tatement of witness, saying: "You have but that more of them saved to buy shown much bitterness toward the court houses. She said she never had seen in in what you have just said, as to the such places any such insanitary condi-

the opinion. What justification have you employes at the Homestead plant are day for assuming that your personal and laborers at about \$10.50 a week. Based domestic situation was made known to on personal investigation of ninety famthe court. It was made to appear to the ilies in 1907-1908, she said that the lacourt that you assumed an attitude of borer there getting \$12 a week divided antagonism toward the court in the very his expenses in this way: Rent, \$1.88; demand by the vice president of the food, \$4.16; clothing, 94 cents; furniture, American Federation of Labor that the 9 cents; fuel, 38 cents; insurance, 70 court's opinion should be rendered when cents; miscellaneous, 92 cents. you chose to fix it. That is the attitude

#### Thinks Men Well Treated.

Miss Byington's investigation did nor mosphere of antagonistic demand that Chairman Stanley assured Attorney Reed the decision be postponed until it suit- for the United States Steel Company, employing concern and perhaps better less as he referred to the fact that he than some. He said he regarded the conditions at the Colorado Iron and Fuel was called from his anticipation of Company plant at Pueblo as the worst of all. bringing joy and presents to his little months in jail. Because he was able to

"We have nothing to do with that,

#### YET IN CONTROL OF COASTS. Turks and Allies Hold Ground In Tripoli and Cyrenaica.

TRIPOLI, February 9 .- The coasts of Tripoli and Cyrenaica are still commanded by the Turks and their Arab allies to such an extent that Italian action is greatly restricted. The Italian cruiser Citti di Catania, which returned here today from a cruise along the coast, reports that she bombarded seven small ports and Turkish camps in the vicinity of the shore, and that large numbers of armed Arabs were

At Misrata, about 150 miles to the east of this city, the Arabs erected two small forts, in which they took refuge during the bombardment. They also made shelters out of the sand along the dunes. The Italian commanders are making preparations for more extended action

### OPPOSES MOUNT VERNON FEES

#### F. R. Whepler Before Legislative Committee at Richmond.

RICHMOND, Va., February 9 .- The House committee on public property of Washington, counsel for the assothe collection of fees for entrance to Mt. Vernon and "against commercializing the national shrine." Rosewell Page opposed any effort to recommend the repeal of the charter of the Mount Vernon Association. The matter went over for a further hear-

#### KILLED BY TRAIN IN STREET. Laborers Are Run Down in Baltigize to the court as an effort to humiliate more Thoroughfare.

BALTIMORE, Md., February 9.—Joseph sue her path through the world not seek-Mr. Madden is now attorney for the inclined to permit. The very language Costle, laborer, was killed and three other trackmen badly injured by a Baltimore and Ohio passenger train plowing through a gang of street railway laborers engaged in relaying tracks at Ostend and Carlton R. Gardner Defeats Gee in Ridgeley streets today An intervening freight train prevented the engineer seeing the men in time to avert the accident.

### FLOODS IN SPAIN

#### People in Southern Provinces Sufferering, Property Damaged

MADRID, February 9 .- The floods in the southern provinces are rapidly becoming worse. The minister of public works ar- Waseda University of Japan has been rived in Seville this morning to investi- on a visit here and played games with any intention to aid or abet in the gate the damage and the condition of the boycott when he signed the urgent suffering population. appeal, and when in his official posi-He proceeded later to the village of Camas, three miles away from the city,

of the convention of the A. F. of L. in where the situation is critical. torials in which were references to WILL SEEK TO REGAIN TROPHY

## himself of the privilege not to answer Aero Club Challenges for Balloon Prize Won by Germany.

NEW YORK, February 9.-America's formal challenge for the coupe interna- an automobile while coasting on his sled. it was his privilege not to answer if he tionale des aeronautes, which Germany The automobile was driven by George took away from the United States last Robertson, the automobile racing driver, year, is on its way to Berlin today. It is and in the car was Burton S. Brown, a signed by the Aero Club of America and New York newspaper man. The auto-"I considered the language of the sug- gives notice that three American balloons mobile had just turned the corner when gestion of the committee insulting when will take part in the next international attending the funeral, the deceased having been a lifelong companion.

As the pallbearers were leaving the conscious of the fact that my whole arose, then fell back in his seat dead.

| Continued Mr. Gompers, "I would abjectly apologize and endeavor to rectify any wrong which I may have done; but any wrong which I may have any wrong wh



Heavy Demand for American Hats.

# FOR NAVAL WARFARE

# Neither Seeks Nor Fears a Quarrel.

GLASGOW, February 9 .- Winston Spencer Churchill, the first lord of the ad- peror and empress today gave a luncheon Interparliamentary Peace Union, which miralty, today attended a luncheon ar- at the imperial palace in honor of Vis- is to be held tomorrow at Brussels, is re- dent power to call forth the whole or part | tee, in recent campaigns, than many ofranged by the Elyde Navigation Trust, count Haldane, the British secretary of garded here as highly important, owing of the organized militia when the United the states with five times the population. and in the course of a speech painted a state for war. Among those invited to to the decision of the States is invaded or in danger of in- and yet political parties have used our roseate picture of the preparedness of meet Viscount Haldane were Dr. von Italian group not to paprticipate and, inthe British navy to meet all eventualities. Bethmann-Hollweg, the imperial chan- deed, to sever their connection with the force against a foreign nation. In the pointed to office elsewhere. subject of German and British sea ri- ister of marine, and Gen. Josiah von sing and condemning the action of the or inability of the President to enforce impression that the democratic organizavalry, taking the view that, while naval Heeringen, minister for war.

### No Cause for Panic.

tries, Mr. Churchill said there was no confreres has become known. need for excitement or panic. Great Britain had the situation will in hand, and there was no chance whatever of be no whining in the British Isles, no signals of distress would be hoisted, and there would be no cries for help. All that were necessary could be supplied by the German capital.

### Seeks No Quarrel, Fears None.

retardation of naval construction, but if bere was to be an increase of nava! strength on the continent it would only esult in foreign powers being further outdistanced by the measures which the British government was ready to take. which would enable Great Britain to pur-

## ORIENT TENNIS CHAMPION. Match at Manila.

MANILA, February 9 .- Carlton R. Gardner of New York and San Francisco won today the lawn tennis championship of the orient. He defeated Edwin S. Gee, who was the winner last year and the holder of the title, by three to one. The contest took place during the annual carnival at which the championships of all branches of sports were decided. The amateur base ball team of the American and Filipino teams, by both of which it was defeated.

### COASTER DIES OF INJURIES.

#### Boy on Sled Shoots Suddenly in Front of Automobile.

ELIZABETH, N. J., February 9.-Frank W. Denman, a nine-year-old boy, died early today from injuries received last evening when he was run down by Denman on his sled shot suddenly from under a fence which runs along the road and passed in front of the machine. Rob-ertson tried in vain to stop the car, but

# VISCOUNT HALDANE

#### Declares Britain Gives Luncheon in Honor of Delegates May Refuse to Par-Visiting British Secretary - of State for War.

BERLIN, February 9 .- The German em-

power was necessary to the existence of It is now generally admitted that one Turkey. Great Britain, it was a luxury for Ger- of the aims of Viscount Haldane's visit | The Italians wish the peace union to- is needed to repel an invasion, suppress a purpose of our organization to show any to Germany is to relieve the tension morrow to acknowledge that those dele- rebellion or execute the laws as is needed which has affected Anglo-German rela- gates who in one way or another at the for a period not to exceed nine months. tions for some time. Nothing definite as sitting of the union in October, 1911, or Touching on the subject of the pro- to the nature of the discussions between later, entered into a discussion of the States he may specify in his call the spective naval increases in the two coun- the British statesman and his German merits of the war between Italy and Tur- period for which the service is required, delegates to the next national convention,

### France and Russia Notified.

ficially admitted that both the French intervened on former occasions, such as erty in Mexico is being constantly intoday partially heard F. R. Whepler Whatever happened abroad, there would and the Russian governments were in- when Russia accused Japan of open hos- creased by the circulation of stories to formed of the Viscount Haldane's trip tility before the expiration of the ultima- the effect that the United States is con- this matter your careful consideration to Berlin by the British government be- tum, when protests were raised against sidering intervention in Mexico. Com- and send us a letter which we may make the money, all the ships and all the men fore the British secretary of war reached Fingland for attacking the Boers, when cation to France and Russia that the of Berlin, annexed Bosnia and Herzego- emphasis to the constant menace to visit was of a private character, but it vina.

To Survey Political Ground. This confirms the prevailing impression that behind the ostensible purpose of his MRS. SCHENK WANTS JEWELS. trip Viscount Haldane is charged to sur feelers, especially in regard to a possible slackening of armaments. The speech of Winston Spencer Churchill at Glasgow, Britain would go one better than any one the uselessness of Germany trying to outstrip her rival in sea power.

#### MR. DOOLEY! MR. DOOLEY! A BRAND-NEW SERIES

#### "MR. DOOLEY" Begins Next Sunday

"Is Harmon all right?" asked "That corporation tool! Pass him by," said Mr. Larkin. "How about Undherwood?" "He's fr'm th' south, an' be-

sides Willum Jennings Bryan says he's in to employ iv th' steel thrust. I don't doubt it. "Why don't we thry Willum Jennings again?"
That fellow! Don't we iver want to win an iliction? How manny times does he expict to get th' nommynation be attackin' betther men? An' Willum Randolph Hearst wudden't sup-

MR. DOOLEY!

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port him annynow."

MR. DOOLEY!

# TO DISCUSSION OF WAR

# ticipate in Peace Congress in Brussels.

Mr. Churchill spoke at length on the cellor; Admiral Fred von Tirpitz, min- union if the meeting insists upon discus- event of an invasion or possible invasion Italian government in the conflict with the laws of the Union with the forces at tion of the District of Columbia favors

> key, exceeded the object of the union. Former Instances Cited.

They point out that the union has never an outcry was made over alleged Belgian ment from the American diplomatic and It was specifically stated in the notifi- cruelties in the Kongo, and when Austria, consular representatives in various parts notwithstanding the terms of the treaty was added that in case political questions! Unless the peace union agrees that nei- printing of such matter.

should be discussed France and Russia ther as a collective body nor as isolated. At the State Department it was an would be kept informed. groups can its members pronounce judg- nounced that there was absolutely no ments for or against belligerent parties truth in the intervention stories, and it the Italian group will retire definitely.

# vey the political ground and put out Sues Wheeling Business Man With

Whom They Were Pledged.

WHEELING, W. Va., February 9 .- to cope with. in which he notified the world that Great Mrs. Laura Farnsworth Schenk has filed a petition in court here against Clem E else in naval matters, is thought to be Peters, a prominent business man, for part of a plan to encourage the belief in the recovery of jewels valued at \$2,000, which she claims she pledged with him for \$700 shortly after her arrest on the charge of attempting to poison her husband, Millionaire John D. Schenk, more Mrs. Schenk alleges that Peters de-

manded \$1,200, for the return of the can interests. Although there is no presjewels, an exorbitant sum, she says, and ent intention of sending other such cirthey have been forfeited to him. She culars, the State Department declares its asks the court to appoint a special re- adherence to this policy. ceiver for the property.

#### ELUDES MOB WITH PRISONER. Sheriff Gets Negro Away From Mil- to Accept Valuables for Shipment. ledgeville, Ga. MACON, Ga., February 9 .- Sheriff

Terry of Milledgeville, Ga., left Macon early this morning with Vine Collier, the negro charged with attacking two white girls near Milledgeville yesterday afternoon. He brought his prisoner here in an automobile after eluding a mob in Milledgeville. ing in Macon, where a crowd gathered at the jail. The sheriff persuaded the mob that the negro was not inside.

It is thought the prisoner is being to Eagle Pass, Tex., by special train last taken to Atlanta.

Rural Mail Carrier Drown's.

## MARIETTA, Ohio, February 9 .- While

BUFFALO, February 9 .- James Noble

## REBELS GAIN GROUND FOR DISTRICT MEN IN DISTRICT OFFICE Situation in Mexico Cause of

Newman Asks Democratic Presidential Candidates to Go on Record.

ONE CENT.

## SOME FAVOR HOME RULE: OTHERS DODGE THE ISSUE

Speaker Clark Leaves No Room for Doubt of Attitude.

#### WOODROW WILSON EVASIVE

stances in the southern part of Mexico, Thinks He Will Be Able to Act "in the Spirit of Reasonable Desire." Department today, it is apparent that the Underwood Unwilling to Express Opinion.

That the several prominent democrate oacan are reported to be taking a serious turn. The destruction of a bridge at San possibilities are in favor of appointing Pedro, state of Coahuila, is responsible residents of the District of Columbia to for a break of railroad communication offices within the District is clearly outto the State Department today from the Newman, local member of the democratio American consul there, noting the situa- national committee, has been Brig. Gen. Duncan has been instructed country asking whether or not they were to provide an escort for the Mexican in favor of appointing Washingtonians to

mission to pass through American terri- this city. Replies have been received from Speaker Clark, Gov. Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey, Representative Oscar W. tory. The soldiers will enter the United Underwood, Gov. E. L. Foss of Massachusetts, Gov. Simeon A. Baldwin of Con-The purpose of Lieut. Col. Sturgiss in necticut, Mayor Gaynor of New York, making a trip from San Antonio for Senator John W. Kern of Indiana and Senator George E. Chamberlain of Oreof gaining information for a site for gon. Some of the replies evade the quesmaneuver camps in the event of a mobili- tion, but the general tone of the letters zation. During the maneuvers at the border last year several members of is in support of local self-government for Congress asked for troops in that vicinity, the District.

#### The Letter of Inquiry.

found in the way of facilities, such as Mr. Newman's letter was as follows: Although troops all over the United "You are one of the formidable candi-States are still keeping themselves in a dates for the presidency, and I take this state of preparedness for a possible nobilization along the Mexican border opportunity of acquainting you with a line, no orders have gone out from the custom which has heretofore prevailed, general staff for actual movement. very much to the disgust of the citzens, of the appointment to District offices of Plans are kept in readiness by the War posed political service. uts as a reward for some sup-College there, and are in a constant state

"There has always been great dissatregular army and the militia. It would bia, but so far the evil has not been be only a question of a few hours for the abated. As the democratic party has algeneral staff to dispatch telegrams which ways stood for home rule, and in favor are kept constantly prepared calling out of every community managing its own all or any part of the organized militia affairs, I am appealing to you in behalf which might be needed in enforcing the of the people of the District of Columbia neutrality laws along the Mexican border for an expression of your opinion on this point alone, without considering at the It was stated today, however, that the present time any change in the existing

organized militia was not included in the form of government. throughout the country to prepare them- capable of governing themselves as any people on the face of the earth. In the selves for a possible trip to the international dividing line. Nor was any at- District we have as loyal democrats as tempt made by the general staff to ascer- you will find in any state in the Union tain with what promptness the citizen who give liberally of their thus

soldiery of the United States could con- means for the party "The District of Columbia, with a pocentrate, pack their equipment and be

forth such part of the organized militia as date for the presidency. It is not the primaries are held. At that time the When the President issues a call for the voters will have an opportunity to exorganized militia to serve the United press their choice.

"The District of Columbia will send six in Baltimore, June 25, 1912, and as we are anxious to know how the various candidates stand on the question of Disas to political appointments, we are send-

### Speaker Clark Emphatic.

Americans resident in Mexico through the but there is no doubt about his attitude in favor of "home rule." He says: "I have received your letter and in rewas declared that this government had fices of Washington ought to be filled by no interest in the internal affairs of residents of this city. It would be Mexico, and only wished to prevail upon strange, indeed, if out of 300,000 Amerithe Mexican government to give protec- can citizens there cannot be found &

The constant printing of such intervention stories may serve to create an anti-American sentiment, it is pointed out, and have insisted on it in Washington as well as in Missouri. Gov. Woodrow Wilson does not make so strong a statement:

"You may be sure," says his letter, "that I shall always prove a true reprethe same situation arose, and the inten- sentative of local self-government. I hope that I shall always be able to act in tions of the United States were not well the spirit of reasonable desire of the resiunderstood, either at home or in Mexico, dents of the District of Columbia in rethe State Department distributed circu- spect of the appointments of which you lars among the consuls in Mexico, set- speak."

Representative Oscar W. Underwood is another short letter writer: "I do not care to express an opinion publicly on the matter referred to in your letter. Of course, I believe in the democratic doctrine of local self-govern ment; and as far as it is practicable, I believe it should be carried out by our

#### Gov. Baldwin's Www. Gov. Simeon A. Baldwin of Connecti-

cut writes as follows? "Home rule is a basic principle of democracy, and so far as the District of -A body of sixty federal troops came Columbia has the proper men to fill into contact today with 200 Zapatistas the local offices, they should, in my opinion, always have the preference. Mayor Gaynor of New York counts himself out of the matter entirely: "I am in receipt of your kind letter of January 30," he says, "but the chances of my ever having to appoint states of Guanajuato and Michoacan for any officials in the District seem to me several days past, and as a consequence so remote that I think I had better re-

> Senator John W. Kern of Indiana is as strong for local self-government in the District as he is in his expression that he has not announced his candidacy, and that a democratic President will be elected. His letter says:

> frain from making any promises on the

"Your request for my views on the question presented by your letter seems to be based on the erroneous as-MARIETTA, Ohio, February 9.—While crossing the Muskingum river on the ice here today Rural Free Delivery Carrier Leslie Burrows broke through and was drowned.

BUFFALO, February 9.—James Noble sumption that I am a presidential candidate. While disclaiming any purpose of that kind, I am not average to saying that as a democrat I am in favor of and was drowned.

## DROPS DEAD IN CHURCH. Michael O'Donnell, 86, Overcome by Grief Over Friend's Death.

#### Overcome with grief, Michael O'Donnell, eighty-six, dropped dead in church yesjerday while attending the funeral of a I had been guilty of no wrong. If I had contest. The aeronauts who are to reprefriend. O'Donnell, one of the wealthiest been guilty of wronging any man or sent America will be selected in an elimifarmers in this section, had insisted on woman, or the merest child on earth," nation contest to be held at Kansas City.